# THE GAME

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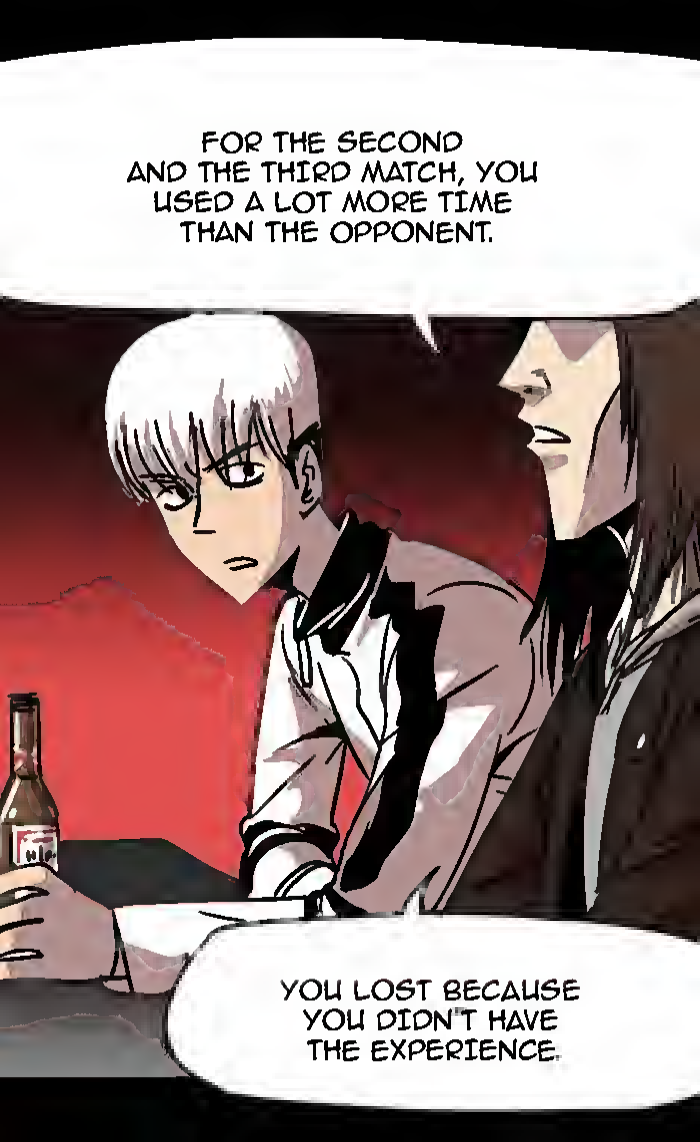
.....!?
THE TIME INSIDE
THE GAME DOESN'T GO BY
AT THE SAME RATE FOR EACH PLAYER.
IT'S DEPENDENT UPON THE 'TALENT'...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND
IS THAT POSSIBLE?

YOU CAN THINK OF
IT AS SOMETHING SIMILAR
TO DREAMING.

THE REASON THAT YOU FEEL
LIKE FIVE MINUTES PASSED WHEN IN
REALITY YOU SLEPT FOR 12 HOURS
IS BECAUSE THE BRAIN
HAD ENOUGH REST.

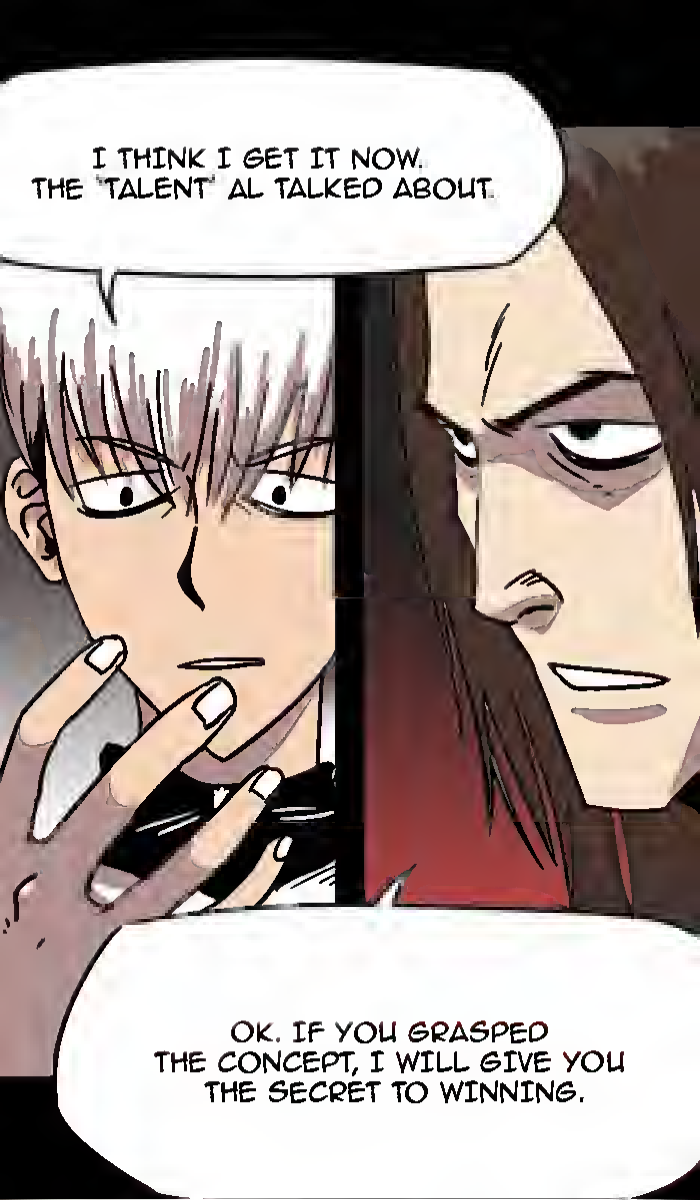
SO, IT DIDN'T HAVE MUCH ACTIVITY.
EVEN THOUGH YOU FEEL LIKE YOU DREAMED FOR A YEAR, IN REALITY YOU HAVE JUST SLEPT FOR FIVE MINUTES.
THIS WOULD BE SOMETHING OPPOSITE.


FOR THE SECOND AND THE THIRD MATCH, YOU USED A LOT MORE TIME THAN THE OPPONENT.
YOU LOST BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE EXPERIENCE.

I SEE...
THAT IS WHY DURING THE MATCH AGAINST MARK MARTIN...
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
A BIG ARMY WAS ABLE TO MARCH IN DURING A VERY SHORT TIME.

EVEN THOUGH WE WERE CONNECTED FOR THE SAME DURATION, MARK PLAYED THE GAME A LOT LONGER THAN I DID.

HAVING A QUICK BRAIN AND BEING ABLE TO CONNECT SMOOTHLY WILL LET YOU DO A LOT MORE DURING THE SAME TIME FRAME.
IN THAT PERSPECTIVE, YOUR ABILITY TO GROW WAS... UNBELIEVABLE.
JUST IN THREE GAMES...


I THINK I GET IT NOW.
THE "TALENT" AL TALKED ABOUT.
OK. IF YOU GRASPED
THE CONCEPT, I WILL GIVE YOU
THE SECRET TO WINNING.

YOU...
SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE GODDESS ONE HUNDRED PERCENT.

GOD...DESS?
IT'S LIKE A CHEAT CODE.
THAT EVERYONE HAS ACCESS TO.

EVOLUTION TUTORIAL,
'OH MY GODDESS'.

# SECOND SKETCH

THE PLAYER V

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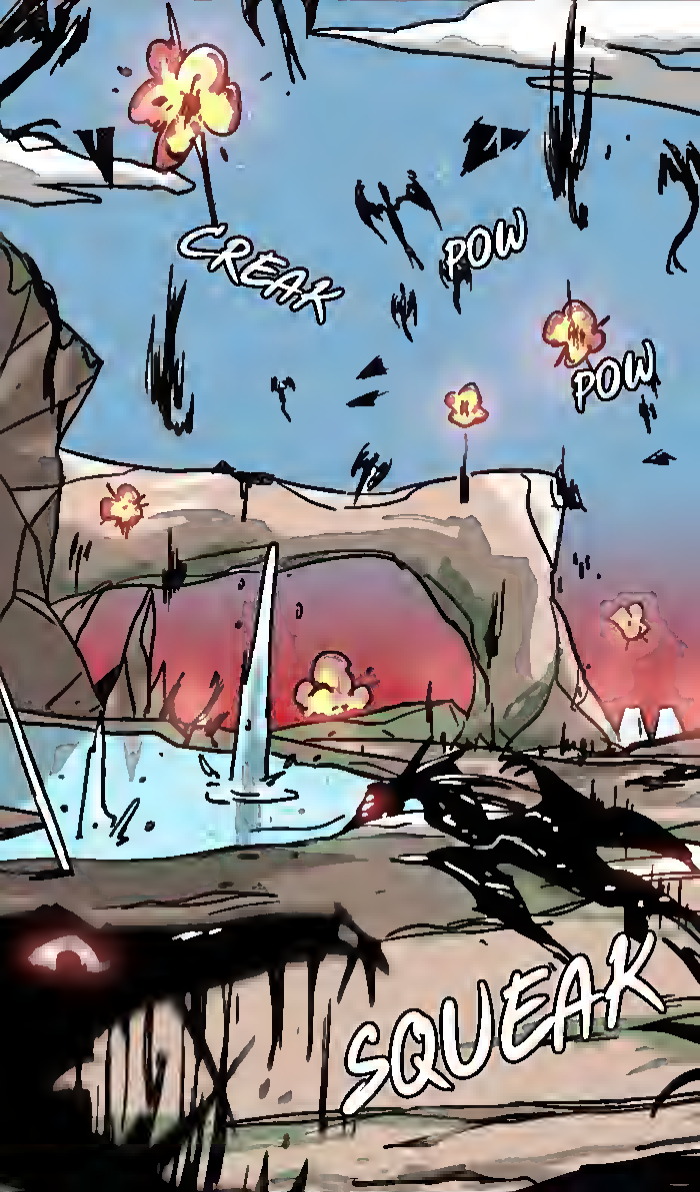
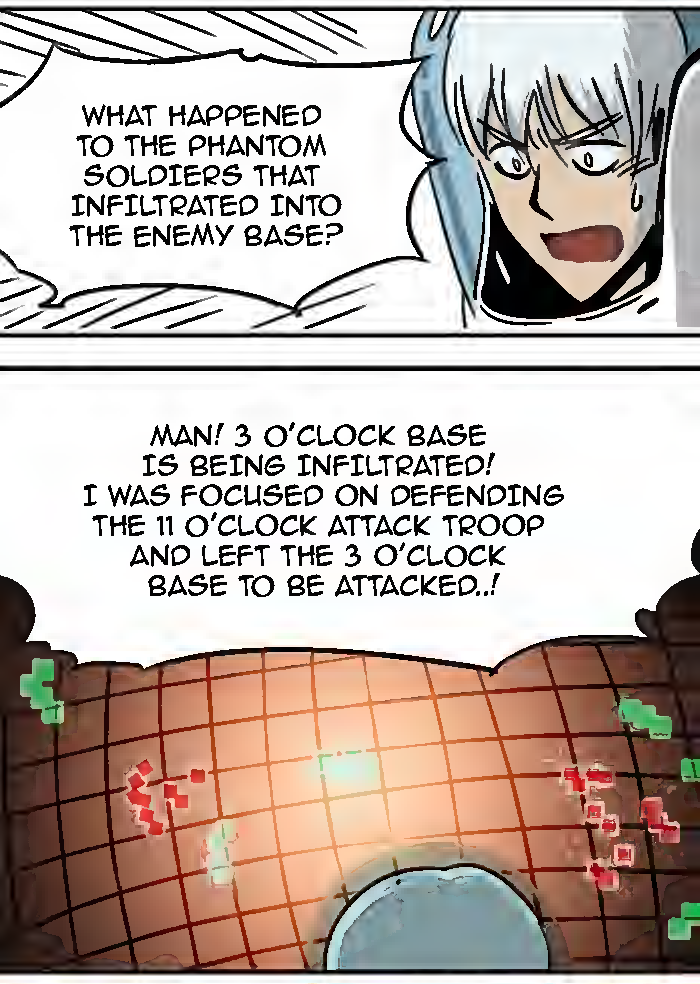
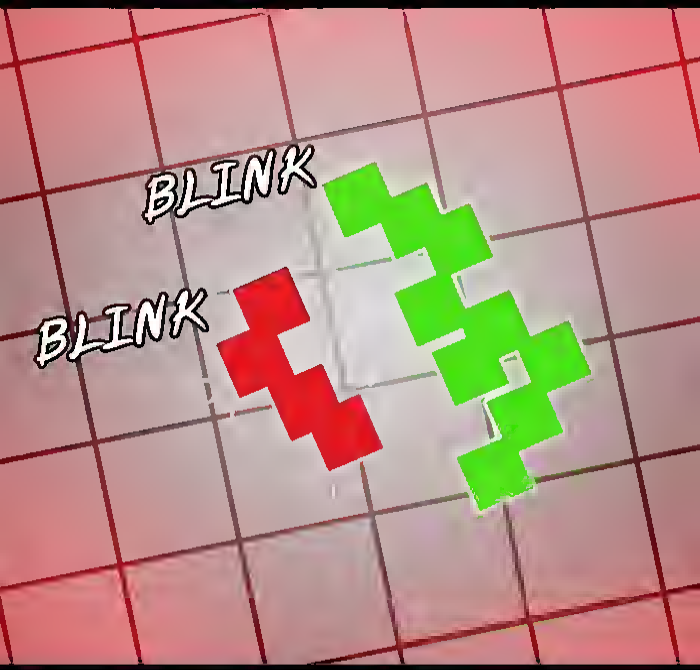
BOOM


CREAK
POW
POW
SQUEAK

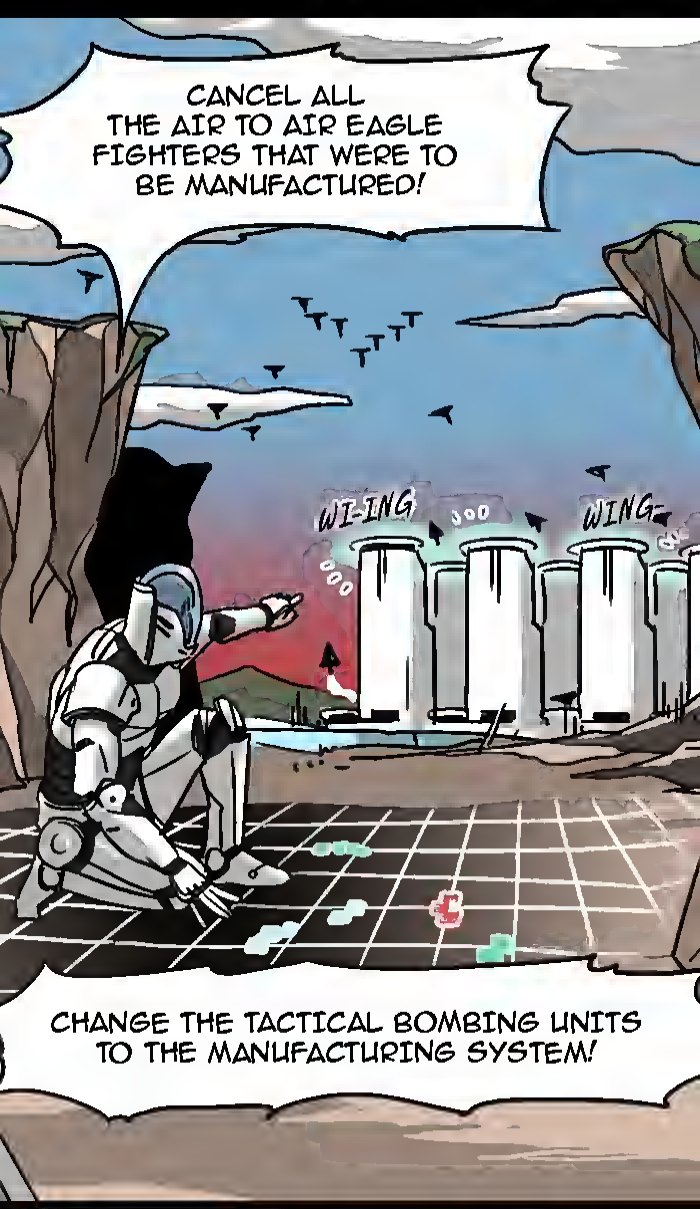
I HAVE DESTROYED ALL AIRBORNE TROOPS AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK!
WHERE ARE THESE MISSILES COMING FROM?!


WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PHANTOM SOLDIERS THAT INFILTRATED INTO THE ENEMY BASE?
MAN! 3 O'CLOCK BASE IS BEING INFILTRATED! I WAS FOCUSED ON DEFENDING THE 11 O'CLOCK ATTACK TROOP AND LEFT THE 3 O'CLOCK BASE TO BE ATTACKED..!

FIRST CREATE
THREE TO FOUR LAYERS,
OF NEUTRON CANNONS AND
MAKE THE INFANTRY TROOPS!
LET'S DEFEND IT!
MOBILIZE THE WORKERS AS WELL!




AGH...! INFILTRATION TROOPS ARE ANNIHILATED...!


CANCEL ALL THE AIR TO AIR EAGLE FIGHTERS THAT WERE TO BE MANUFACTURED!
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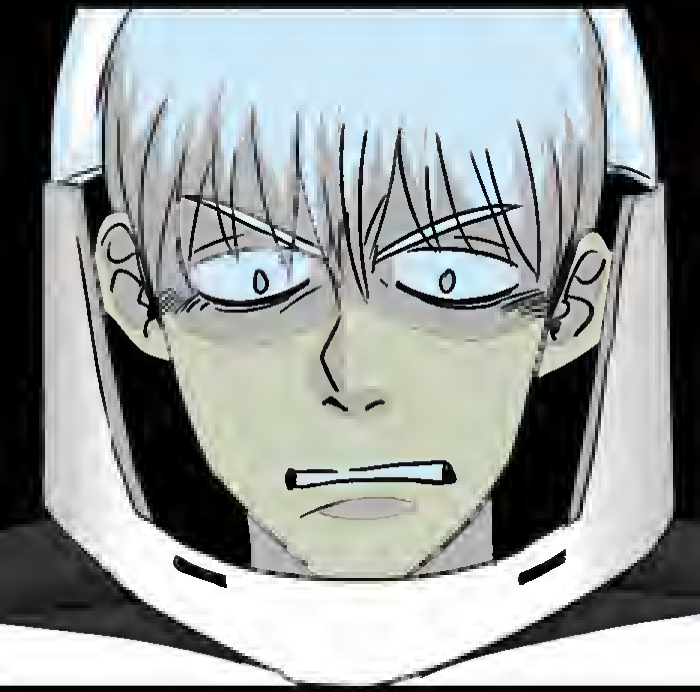
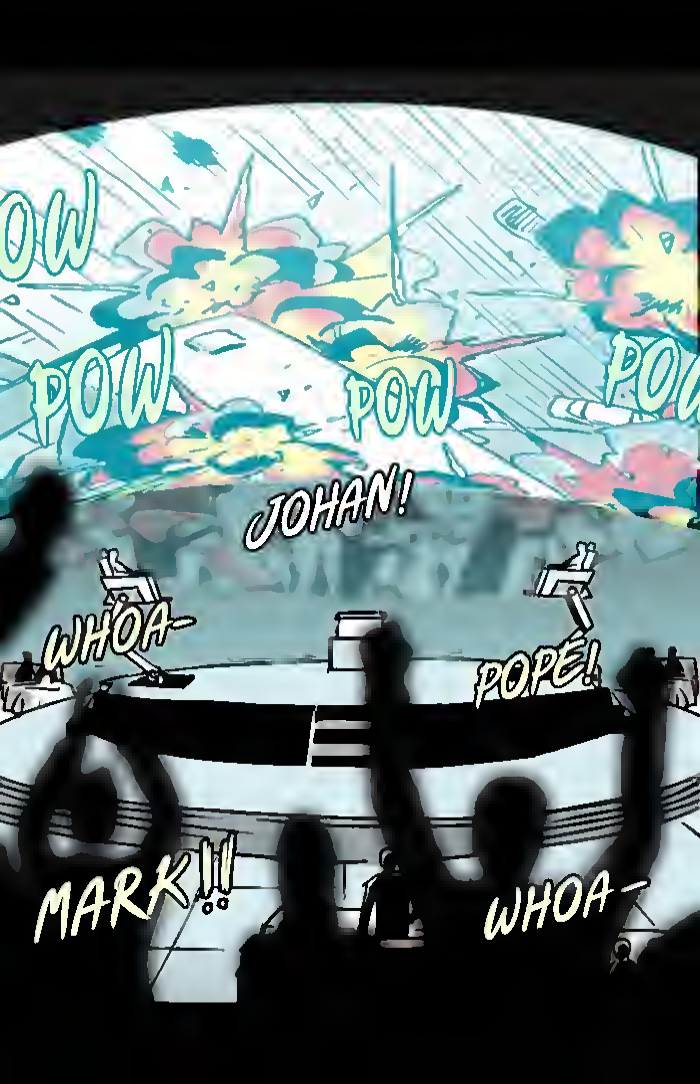
CHANGE THE TACTICAL BOMBING UNITS TO THE MANUFACTURING SYSTEM!

DAMN..! MARK MARTIN, YOU BASTARD!
HOW STRONG ARE YOU?



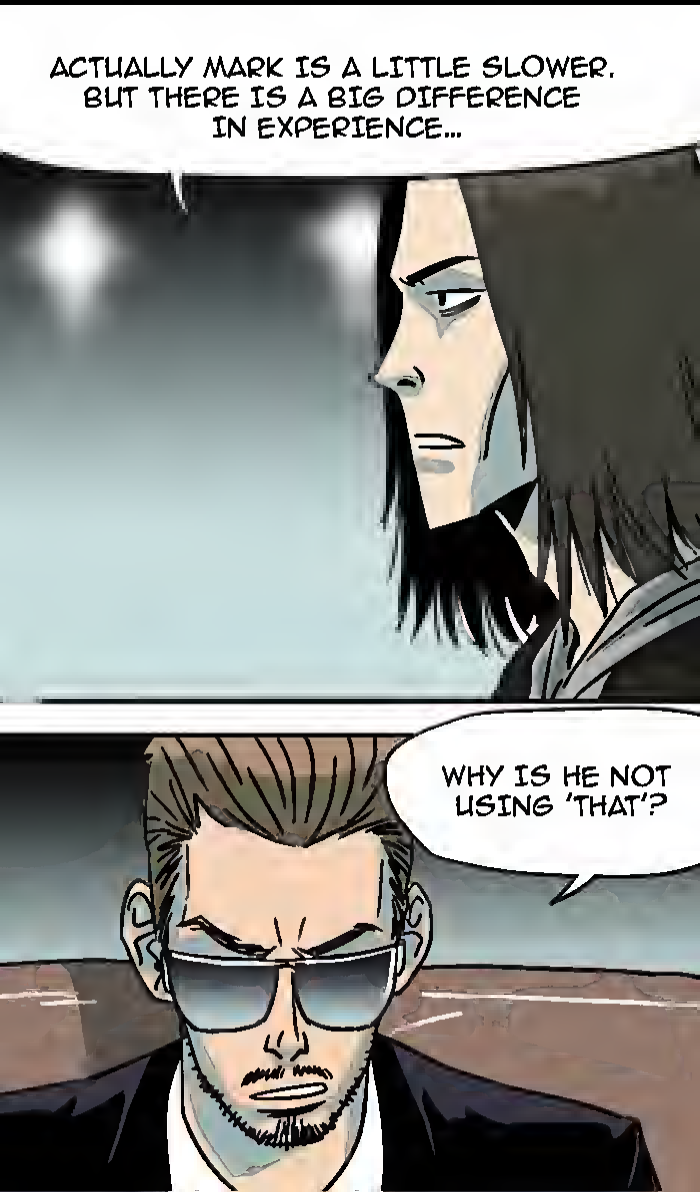
I AM RUSHING TO DEFEND EVEN WITH
ALL THESE MANUFACTURING FACILITIES...

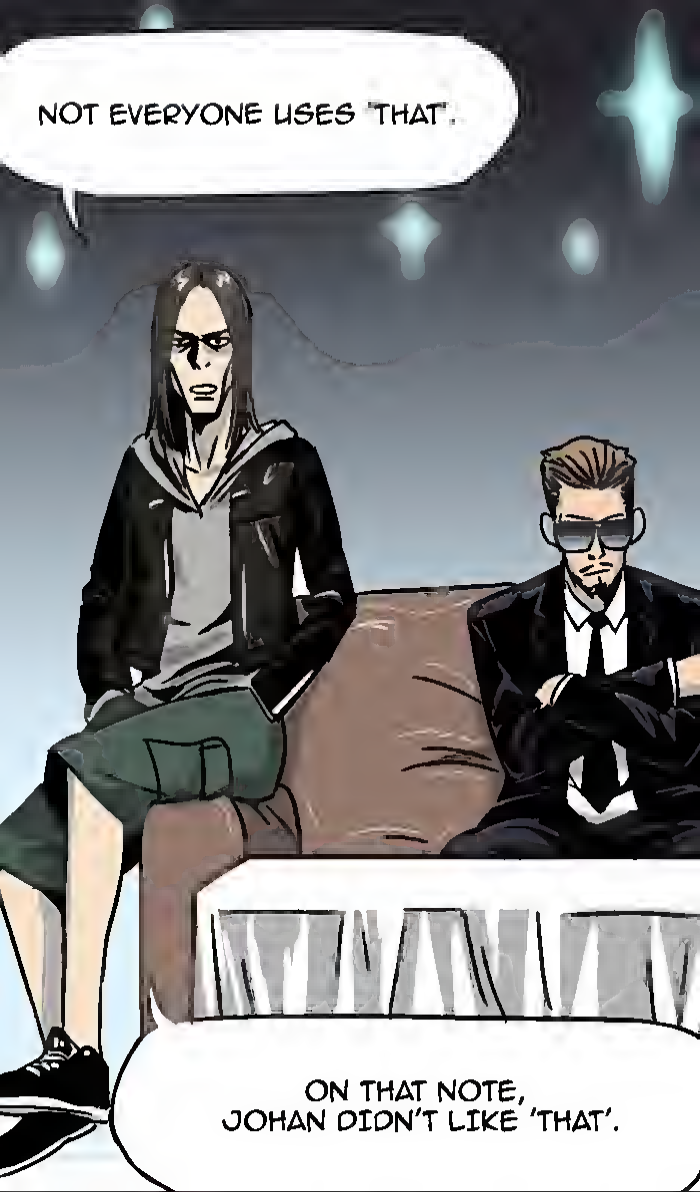
AT THIS RATE... I WILL LOSE...!


POW
POW
POW
JOHAN!
WHOA—
POPE!
MARK!!
WHOA—

ATTACH
SHAKE
SHAKE
ATTAC

HE WILL LOSE AT THIS RATE.
THEIR RATES ARE SIMILAR.


ACTUALLY MARK IS A LITTLE SLOWER.
BUT THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE
IN EXPERIENCE...
WHY IS HE NOT
USING 'THAT'?


NOT EVERYONE USES 'THAT'.
ON THAT NOTE,
JOHAN DIDN'T LIKE 'THAT'.

DON'T THE MOST PLAYERS WHO PLAY WELL USE IT?
YES. ESPECIALLY THE HIGH RANKERS. THEY ALL USE IT.
YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM THAT.
OF COURSE I DID.

IS HE STUBBORN...?
IT'S PRIDE. BECAUSE OF HIS PRIDE, HE WAS ABLE TO BECOME THE 'POPE'.

TALENT AND PRIDE...
BOTH ARE NECESSARY QUALITIES.
BUT HIS PRIDE IS HOLDING HIM BACK HERE. SIGH... THERE IS NOTHING EASY IN THIS WORLD.

BUT HE WILL USE IT.
HE MAY BE PRIDEFUL BUT HE CAN'T STAND LOSING.

POW
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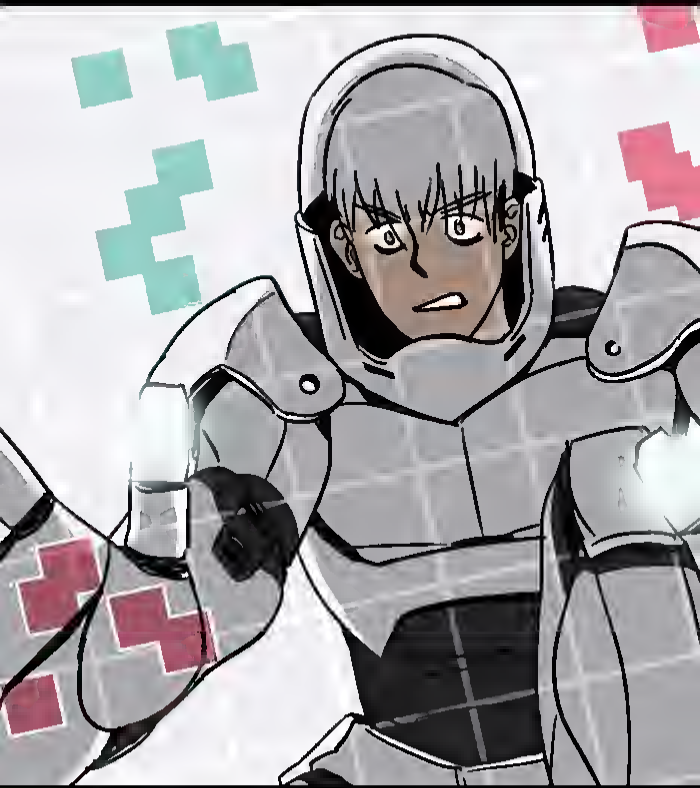
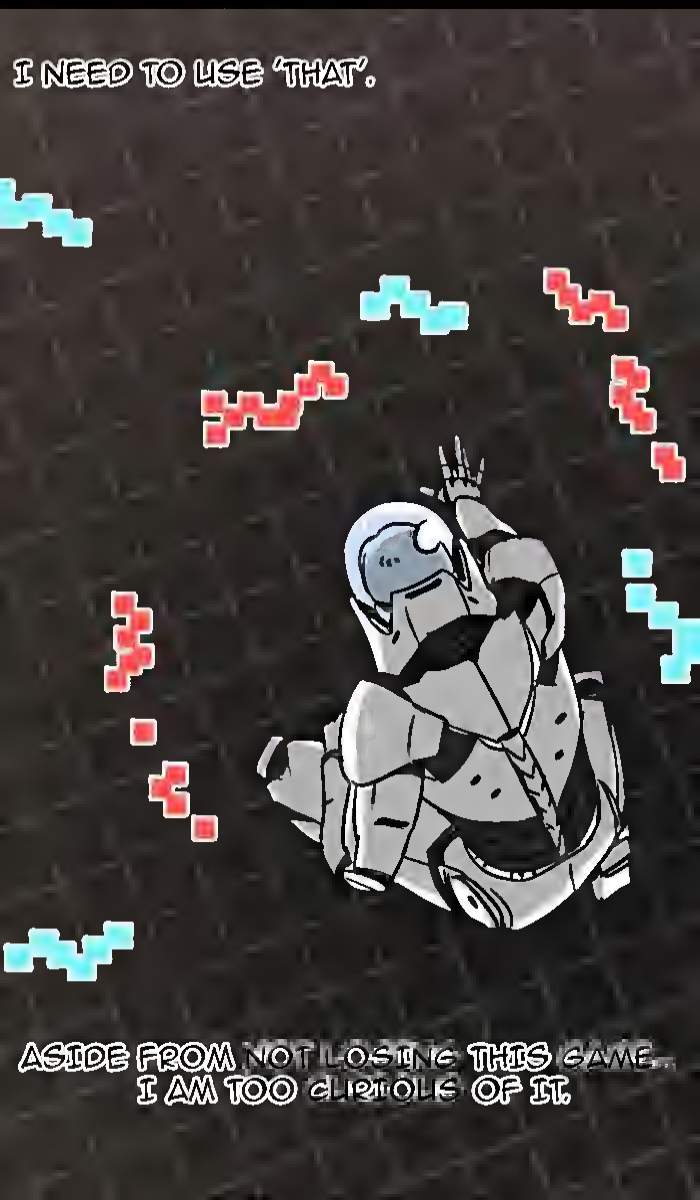
BOOM!
BOOM!
POW POW
SQUEAK!
TADADADA

THE FINAL DEFENSE LINE HAS FALLEN..



I WILL LOSE IN NO TIME.. SURELY...

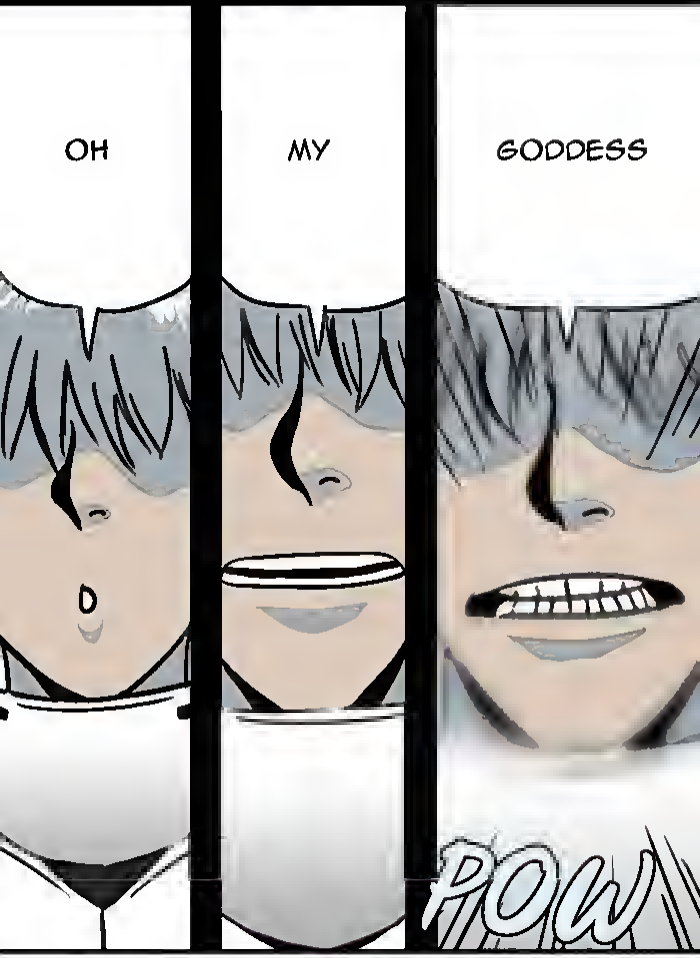

I NEED TO USE 'THAT'.
ASIDE FROM NOT LOSING THIS GAME...
I AM TOO CURIOUS OF IT.

IF I BECOME EXILED
BY LOSING THIS GAME..
I WILL REGRET FOREVER THAT
I DID NOT USE THE GODDESS.

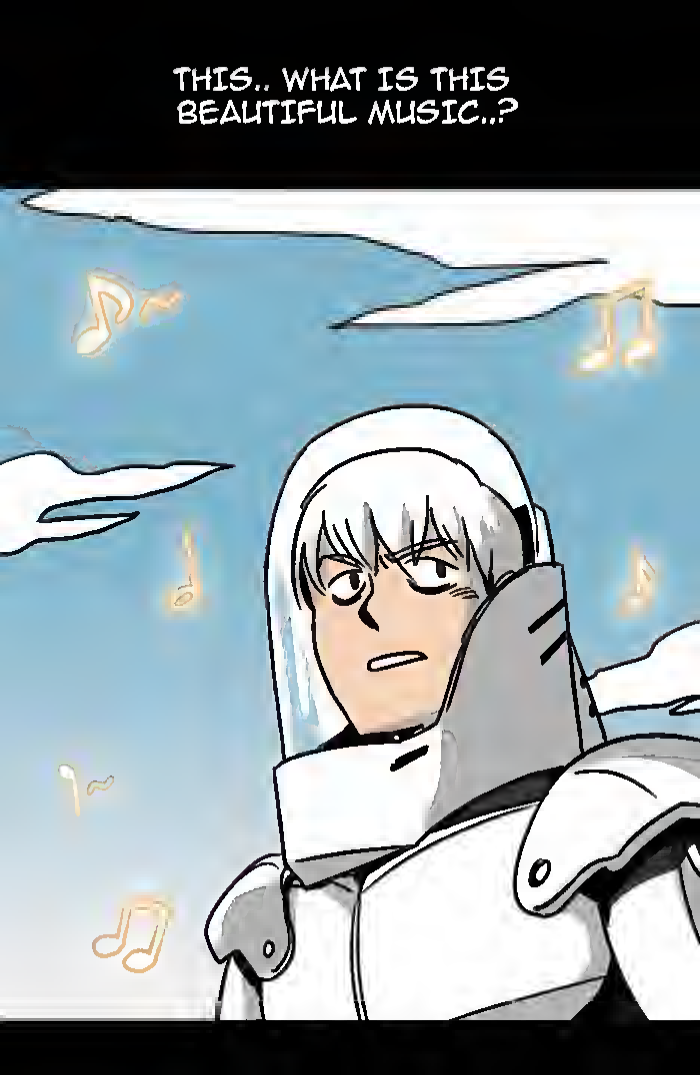
WAS THE SAYING
CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT?

BUT IF THERE HADN'T BEEN
CURIOSITY, EUROPEANS WOULDN'T
HAVE DISCOVERED THE NEW
WORLD AND THE MAN KIND COULD
NOT HAVE REACHED THE MOON.

OK, HELP ME..!

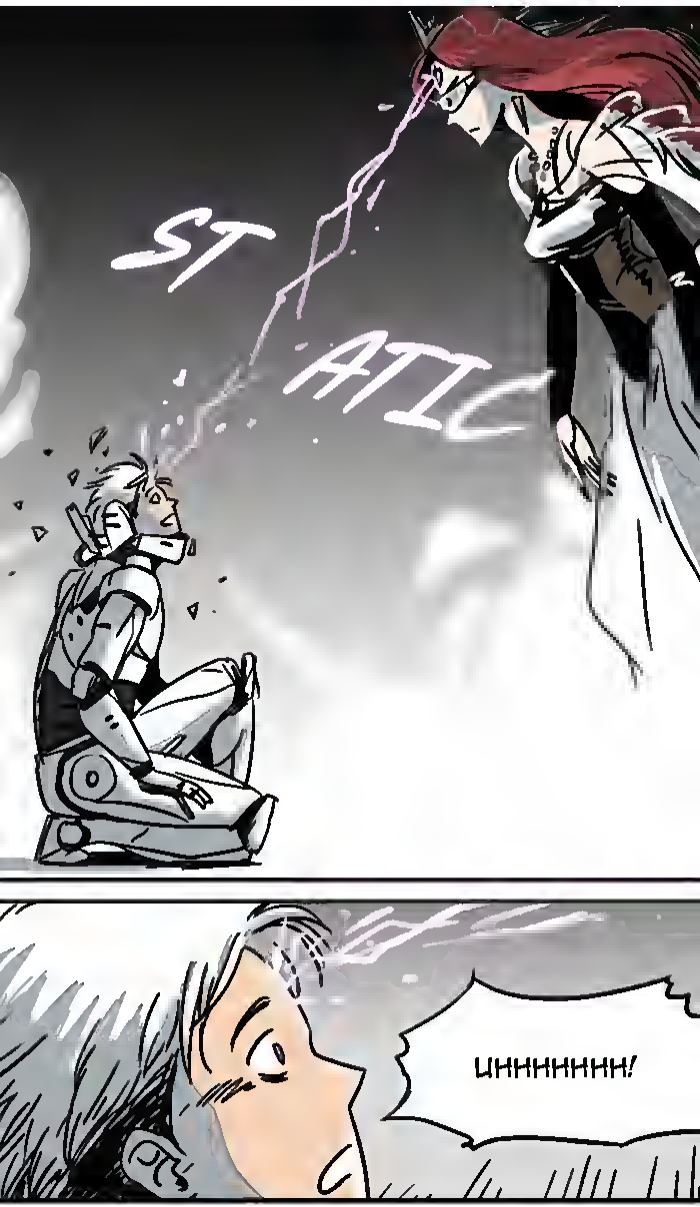


THE TIME...


THIS.. WHAT IS THIS
BEAUTIFUL MUSIC..?

WHO
OSH
WHOA!

WHOO
SYNCHRONIZATION.WILL.BEGIN.
SYNCHRONIZATION?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UHHHHHHH!

WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
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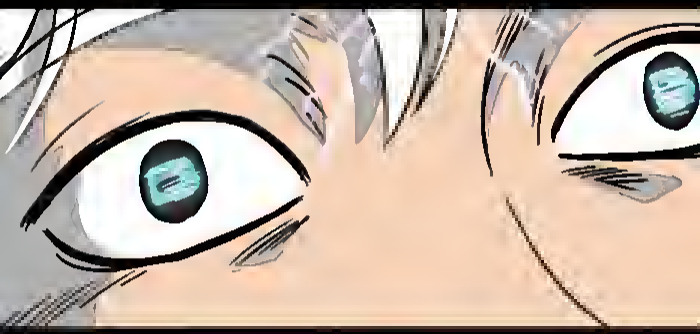
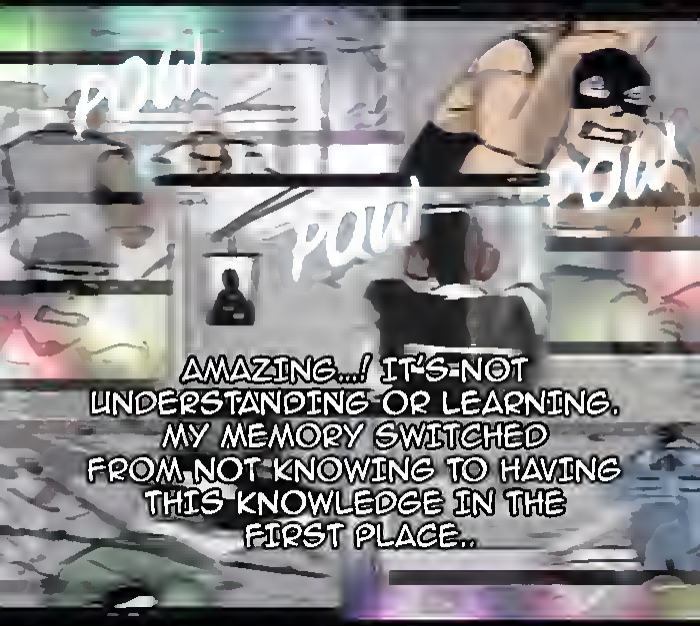
SO MUCH INFORMATION...!



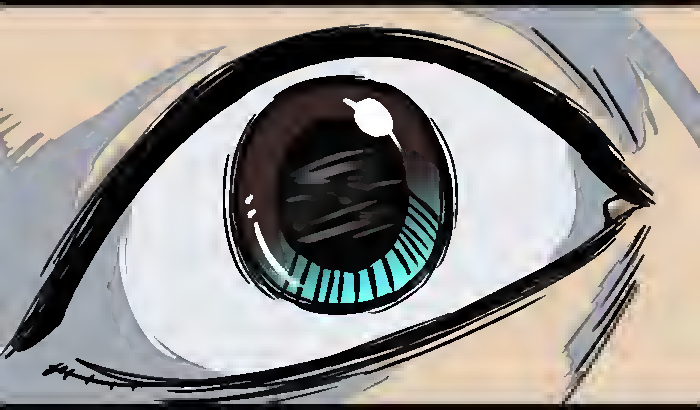
IS JUST.. FLYING AT ME!




AMAZING...! IT'S NOT UNDERSTANDING OR LEARNING. MY MEMORY SWITCHED FROM NOT KNOWING TO HAVING THIS KNOWLEDGE IN THE FIRST PLACE..

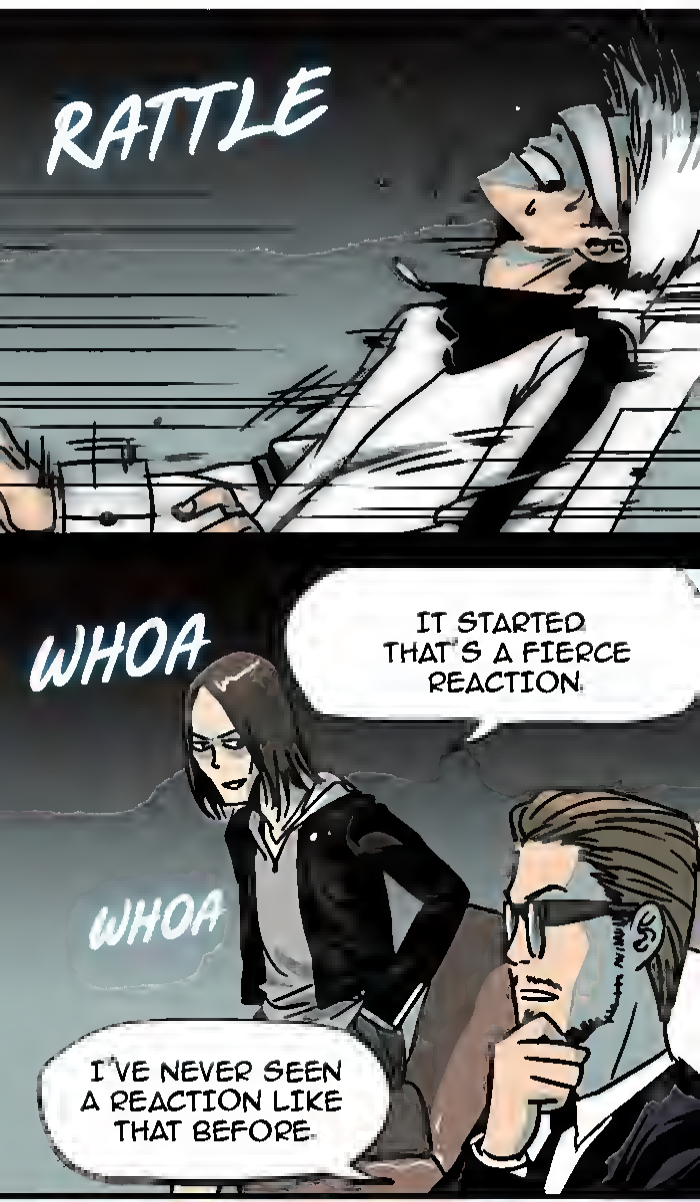
IT FEELS LIKE MY BRAIN
IS SWITCHING OVER IN AN INSTANT...!

YES..! THIS IS JEAN'S STRATEGY!
AHAHAH! JEAN UNDERSTOOD THE GAME
IN THIS FORMAT!



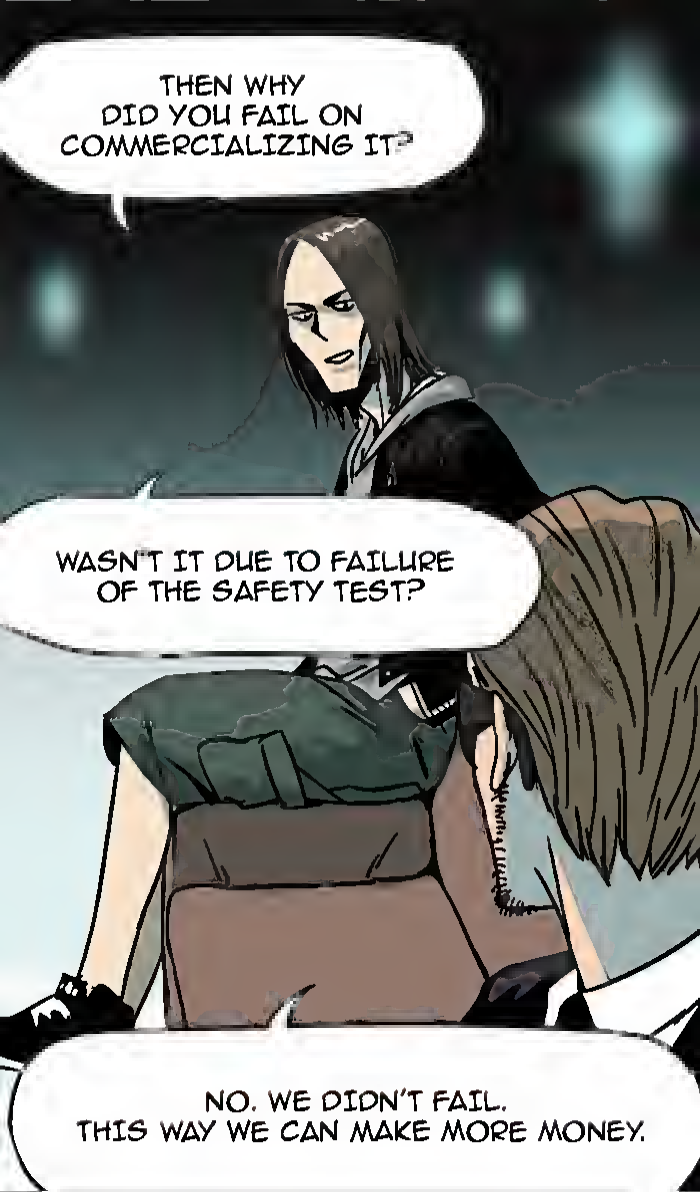
THIS.. THIS, IS MARK MARTIN'S STYLE...!

AMAZING...!
AMAZING AND AGAIN SO AMAZING!
THIS GAME...
BASED ON... HOW A PERSON PLAYS IT
THEY CAN CREATE SOMETHING
FROM NOTHING...!

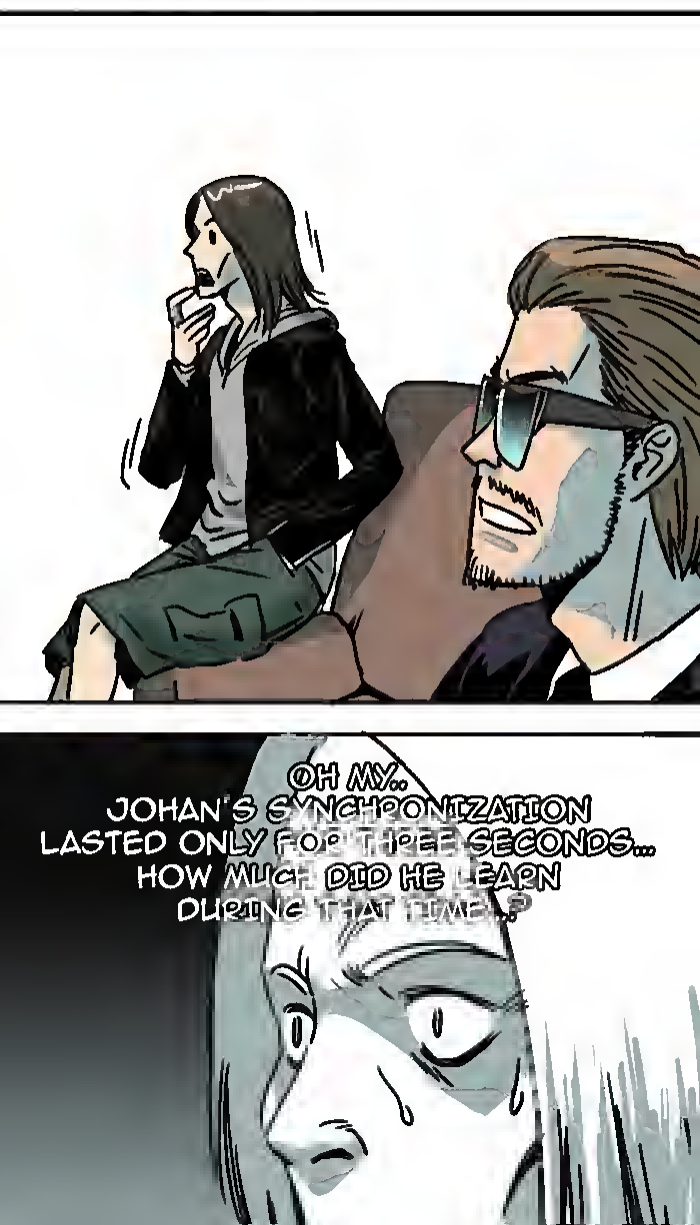

RATTLE
WHOA
IT STARTED THAT'S A FIERCE REACTION.
WHOA
I'VE NEVER SEEN A REACTION LIKE THAT BEFORE.

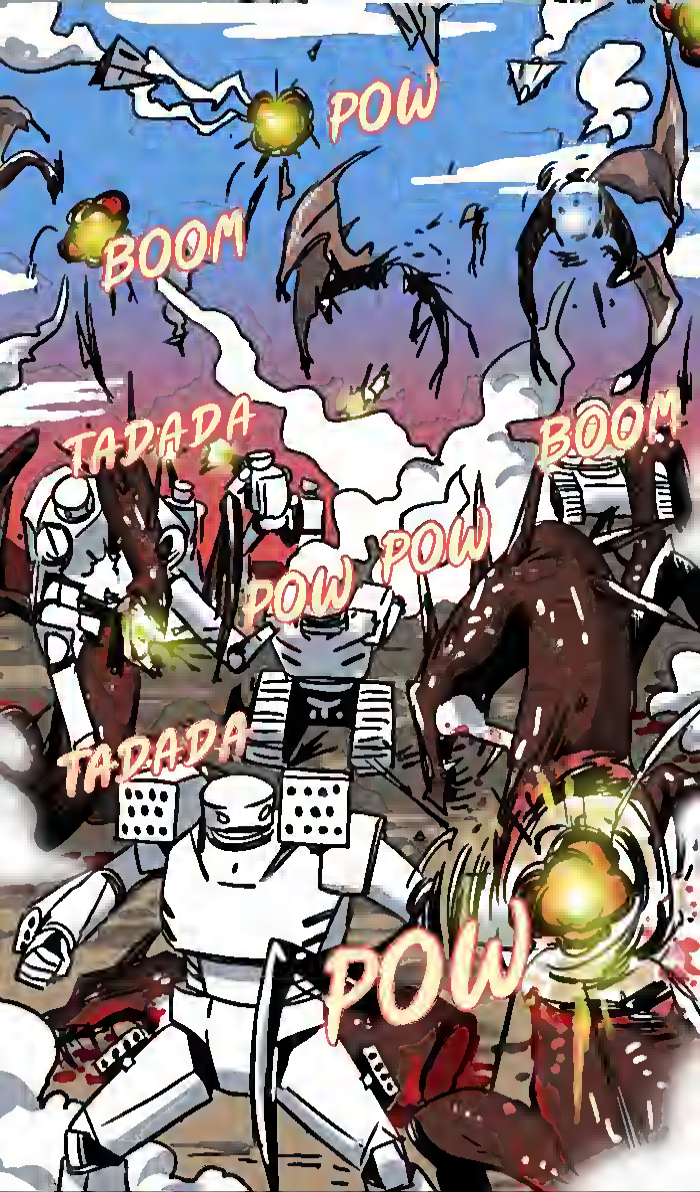
IT FEELS LIKE TIME IS GOING VERY SLOWLY. THE BIGGER THE TALENT, THE SLOWER THE TIME GOES AND THE MORE INFORMATION HE IS ABLE TO OBTAIN.
THE PERSON PLAYING THE GAME WOULD NOT KNOW BUT THE BRAIN AND THE BODY IS GOING THROUGH PAIN..

THERE SHOULD BE SOMEONE WHO WILL DIE FROM IT.
WE DON'T CREATE THE GAME IN THAT IRRESPONSIBLE WAY.

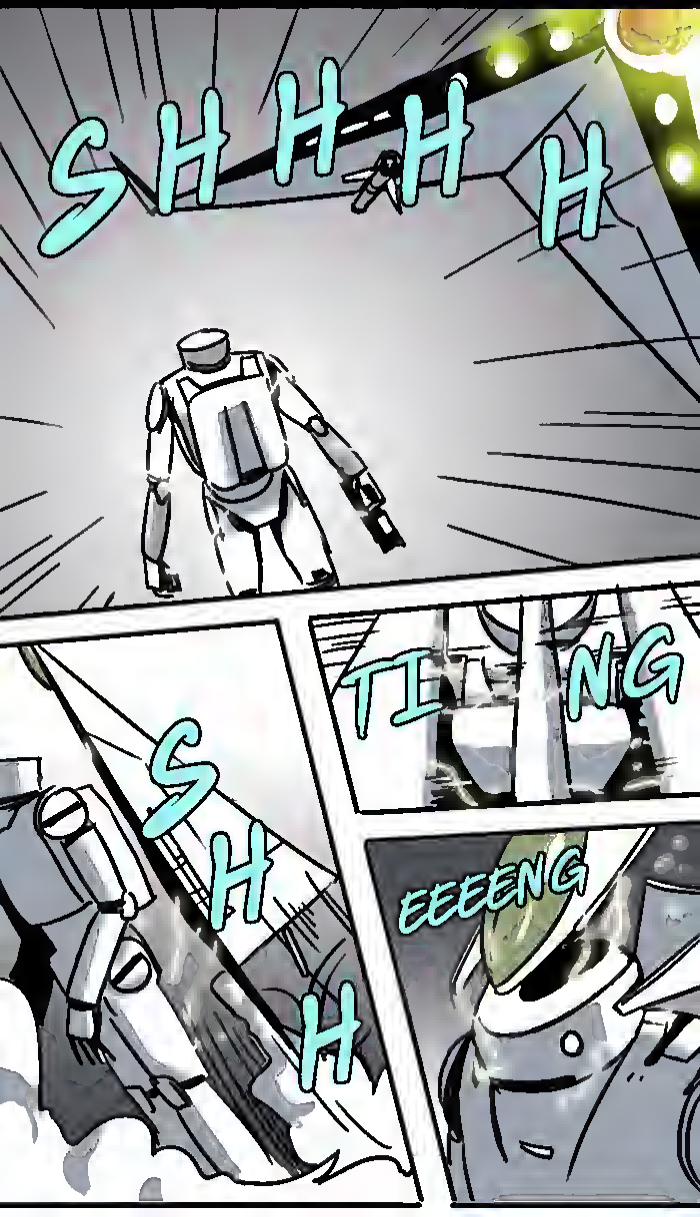

THEN WHY DID YOU FAIL ON COMMERCIALIZING IT?
WASN'T IT DUE TO FAILURE OF THE SAFETY TEST?
NO. WE DIDN'T FAIL. THIS WAY WE CAN MAKE MORE MONEY.

I SEE. AH, OK~ YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL SAYING THAT IN FRONT OF ME.
THAT'S SURPRISING.
SWISH


OH MY..
JOHAN'S SYNCHRONIZATION
LASTED ONLY FOR THREE SECONDS...
HOW MUCH DID HE LEARN
DURING THAT TIME...?


POW
BOOM
TADADA
POW
POW
POW
BOOM
TADADA
POW

UPGRADE THE UNITS.
ALL UNITS UPGRADE
TO AIR AND LAND UNITS.
UPGRADE ON CURRENT TIME
AND START THE FUSION UPGRADE
EXPERIMENTS CROSS UNITS DURING
THE BATTLE TO REDUCE THE PROCESS.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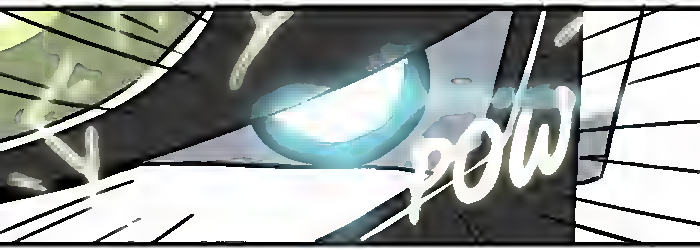
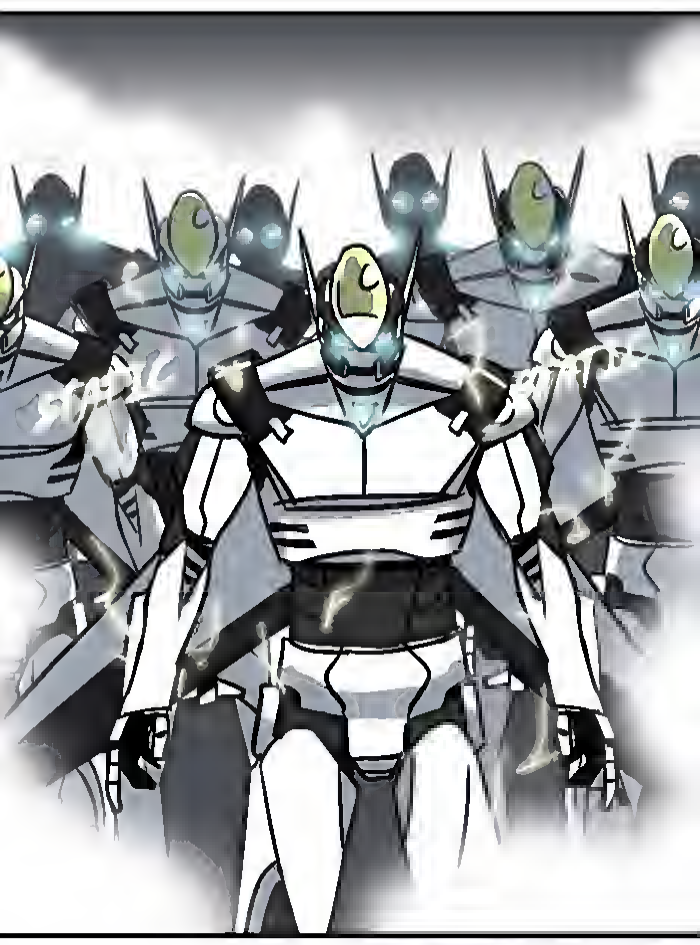
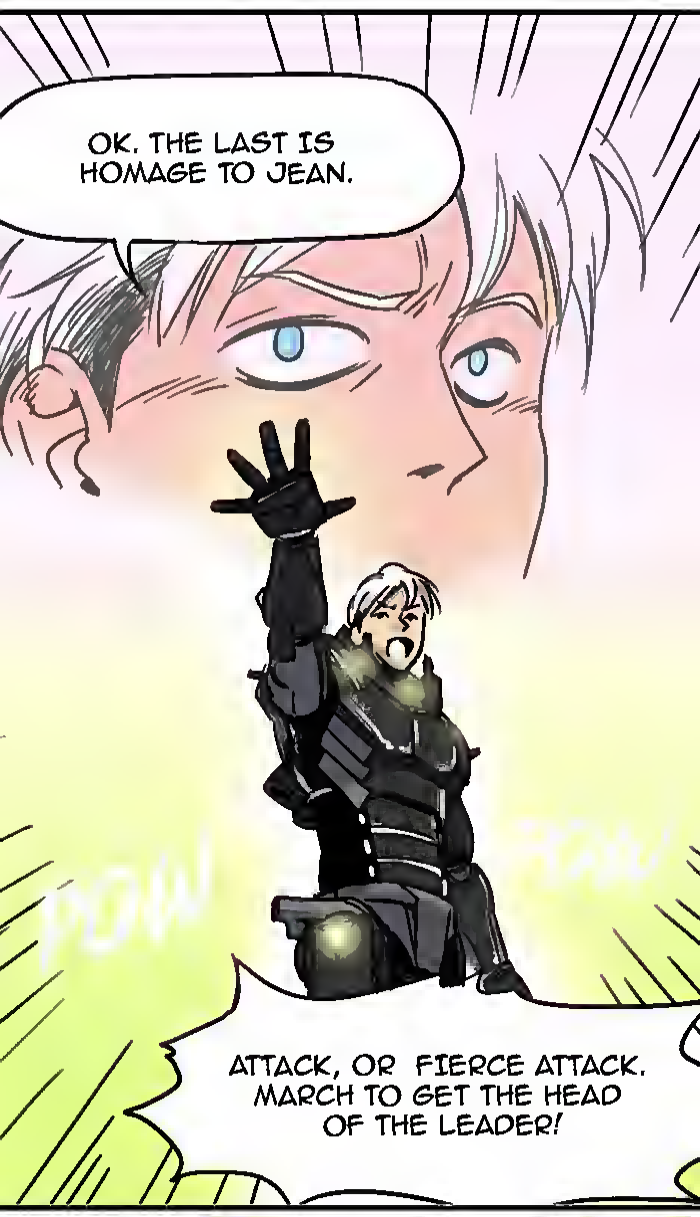
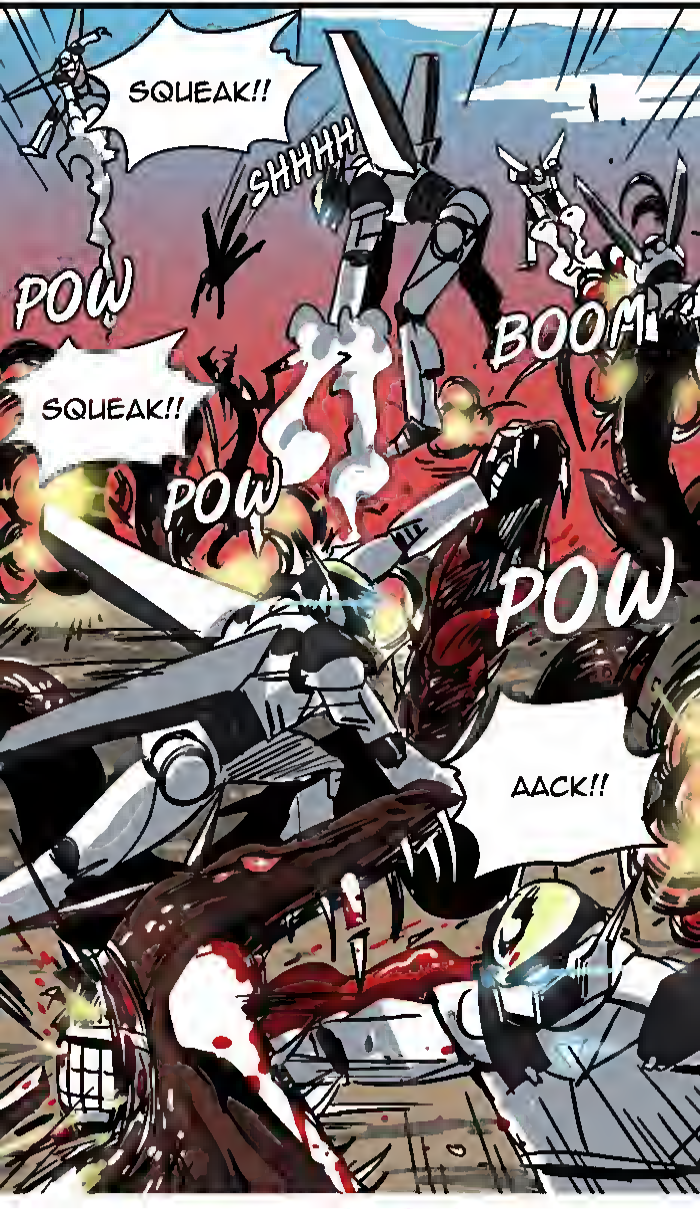
EEEENG

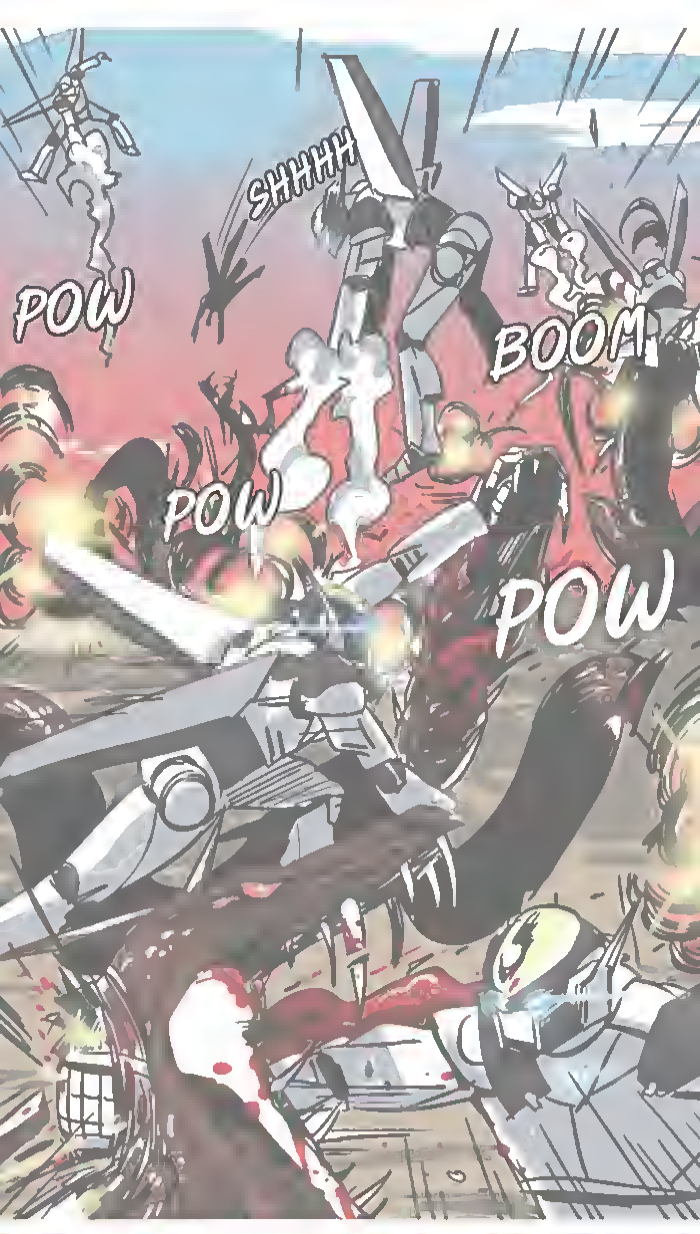
POW


POW




OK. THE LAST IS HOMAGE TO JEAN.
POW
POW
ATTACK, OR FIERCE ATTACK. MARCH TO GET THE HEAD OF THE LEADER!


SQUEAK!!
SHHHH
POW
BOOM
SQUEAK!!
POW
POW
AACK!!


POW
SHHHH
BOOM
POW
POW

HHHH
POW
BOOM
POW
POW

WOONG
WOONG

GG(GOOD GAME).

AH...! G..GOOD GAME...!

BANG!

# THE GAME

LOG - OUT